

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR SOMERSET COUNTY
SPECIAL SESSION
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2014

At 2:43 p.m., the Board of County Commissioners for Somerset County met in Special Session on a motion made by Commissioner Boston, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. The motion carried 4-0.

Present for the meeting today were Commissioner President Rex Simpkins, Commissioner Vice President Charles F. Fisher, Commissioner Jerry S. Boston, Commissioner Randy Laird and Commissioner Craig N. Mathies Sr.

County Administrator-Clerk Ralph D. Taylor and Executive Secretary Lory E. Ebron were also present.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Mathies, seconded by Commissioner Fisher, it carried 4-0 to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Commissioners Board Meeting held January 14, 2014 and the Closed Session Meeting held on January 14, 2014 and approve the minutes as presented.

Ms. Gail Sheldon, Director of Somerset County Library System was asked by Mr. Taylor to come forward.

Ms. Sheldon introduced herself to each Commissioner and stated that it is her intent to provide the Board with monthly reports and hopefully see them on a regular basis. The report distributed summarized general information about the library system such as days open, items checked out, computer use, attendance the number of new patrons as well as volunteer hours. Ms. Sheldon noted the some of her goals she is looking to accomplish stating that she looks forward to meeting with all the commissioners through her open door policy.

President Simpkins complimented the report Ms. Sheldon provided, noting that it appears many of the patrons prefer books. He questioned if Ms. Sheldon intends on obtaining additional books. Ms. Sheldon stated that it's true in that the majority of patrons want a "physical item"; however there is a struggle with what she referred to as "shelf real estate", which continues to be a constant struggle. However, she still plans on buying new books for our libraries.

Ms. Sheldon was thanked for her time, and excused from the meeting.

Next, Mr. Tom Lawton and Mr. Bob Sperry were asked to come forward. Mr. Lawton advised the Board the United Way Campaign recently concluded, and Melissa Bailey, of

Bailey's Jewelers had donated a skipjack pendant which was to be awarded from among the employees who made a contribution to the campaign this year. They were present at today's meeting so that the name can be drawn and the gift awarded. A discussion was held regarding the amount of funding that Somerset County receives. President Simpkins advised Mr. Lawton and Mr. Spery that they will discuss the matter of next year's campaign at a later date.

The Board then asked Ms. Sheldon, Library Director, if she would come forward to draw the name of the employee who would receive the pendant from Bailey's Jewelers. The name drawn was Ms. Lisa Evans.

Mr. Lawton and Mr. Spery were excused from the meeting at this time.

Mr. Joe Chelton, IT Director was now present before the Board to discuss his proposed Disaster Recovery Plan for our server and repository. It was explained that this project would serve as a real time back up of our data, and will function as a "central server" to back up as many servers as needed and at a minimum. He is requesting the Boards permission to move forward with the minimum goal of this project, which would be back up protection for email, Edmunds, Sheriff's Office, Planning and Zoning and the File Server at cost of approximately \$22,000/\$2,900(annual). Mr. Chelton stated that we currently have backup systems in place but they are vulnerable. It was noted that the software, "Double Take-Recover Now" by Vision Solutions is "scale-able". It is currently being used by Wicomico County, and they have been very happy with the product.

The cost breakdown was reviewed, and after discussion, on a motion made by Commissioner Boston, seconded by Commissioner Fisher, it carried 4-0 to allow funding to the IT budget and approve the request made by Mr. Chelton to move forward with the minimum project plan presented regarding the Disaster Recovery Project.

Next, Mr. Taylor advised the Board of a request received by a citizen for a comment letter that would come from the Board following the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services Public Scoping Meeting held in Westover last week.

After review of the letter, on a motion made by Commissioner Laird, seconded by Commissioner Boston, it carried 4-0 to authorize President Simpkins to sign the letter as presented.

With no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Mathies, and seconded by Commissioner Laird to go into Closed Session by Authority of State Government Article of

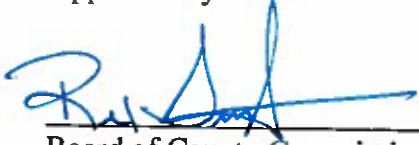
the Annotated Code of Maryland Section 10-508 (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Lory E. Ebron
Executive Secretary

Approved by:



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